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For : **ELECTROMECHANICAL DRIVER AND REMOTE SURGICAL
INSTRUMENT ATTACHMENT HAVING COMPUTER ASSISTED
CONTROL CAPABILITIES**

Enclosed are:

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6. An Information Disclosure Statement.
7. Continuing application information:

This application is a division of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/510,927 filed February 22, 2000, which is now U.S. Patent No. _____, which is a continuation-in-part of prior U.S. Application Serial No. 09/324,452 filed on June 2, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,443,973 each of which is expressly incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

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